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SUBJECT: RVNAF CAMPAIGN PLANS (U)
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1. (S) REFERENCE REQUESTS AN UPDATED SUMMARY OF RVNAF CAMPAIGN
PLANS FOR THE OCT-DEC 1972 TIME FRAME BY MR.

2. (S) CG, I CORPS INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE HIS EFFORTS IN
NORTHERN MR 1 BY CONTINUING THE ATTACK SW OF QUANG TRI CITY
TO SECURE THE THACH HAN RIVER LINE AND THE KEY TERRAIN VIC
FSB ANNE AND BARBARA. HE ALSO PLANS TO CONDUCT LIMITED ATTACKS
ACROSS THE THACH HAN TO DISRUPT AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES. N AND
NE OF QUANG TRI CITY THE MARINES WILL CONDUCT SPOILING ATTACKS
3 TO 4 KM BEYOND PL GOLD. IN THUA THIEN PROV, I CORPS FORCES
WILL DEFEND W AND SW OF HUE AND INTERCEPT ENEMY SUPPLY ROUTES.
IN ADDITION, OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO
NEUTRALIZE ENEMY FORCES IN THE HAI VAN PASS AREA AND TO
SECURE QL 1. IN QUANG NAM - QUANG TIN PROVS, I CORPS AND
TERRITORIAL FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND DA NANG, CONDUCT
OPERATIONS IN QUE SON AND TIEN PHUOC TO REGAIN CONTROL OF
THOSE DISTS AND INSURE SECURITY OF HAU DUC DIST. IN QUANG
NGAI PROV, I CORPS FORCES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO CLEAR THE
ENEMY FROM THE LOWLANDS AND TO RESTORE CONTROL TO POPULATED
AREAS. IN ADDITION, A PROGRAM HAS BEEN INSTITUTED TO REFIT
AND RETRAIN ALL FORCES IN MR 1, INCLUDING TERRITORIAL
FORCES, AS OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS PERMIT.

3. (S) II CORPS CAMPAIGN PLANS BEING DEVELOPED CALL FOR

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OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND BASE AREAS, REESTABLISH GVN CONTROL IN ENEMY CONTROLLED AREAS N OF KONTUM AND EXPAND THE AREA OF GVN CONTROL W AND N OF KONTUM AND W OF PLEIKU. IN BINH DINH PROV THE ARVN FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE MOBILE OPERATIONS, PRIMARILY IN VIC OF THE AN LAO VALLEY, TO DESTROY THE 3D NVA DIV. IN THE SOUTHERN PROVS OF MR 2 AN INTENSIFIED DONG KHOI CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONTINUED TO DESTROY LOCAL VC UNITS, THE VCI, AND THEIR LOGISTICAL BASES.

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4. (S) IN MR 3, PLANS CALL FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO DESTROY MAIN FORCE UNITS, SECURE THE POPULATED AREAS, REGAIN CONTROL OF AS MUCH TERRITORY AS POSSIBLE AND BLOCK ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THE CAPITAL AREA. TO THIS END, MAJOR UNITS HAVE SHIFTED SOUTHWARD TO PROTECT CRITICAL AREAS AND LOC IN CENTRAL MR 3. ONE DIVISION WILL CONCENTRATE ON DESTROYING MAIN FORCE UNITS IN THE LAI KHE AREA AND PREVENTING ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THE POPULATED AREAS SOUTH OF LAI KHE. A SECOND DIVISION WILL OPERATE GENERALLY NORTH OF BIEN HOA TO DESTROY MAIN FORCE UNITS AND PREVENT INFILTRATION INTO THE BIEN HOA/SAIGON AREA. THE THIRD DIVISION WILL BE ORIENTED TOWARD REGAINING LOST TERRITORY IN BINH LONG PROVINCE, FIRST SECURING THE AN LOC/QUAN LOI AREA FOLLOWED WITH THE LIBERATION OF LOC NINH AND BO DUC DIST. A MOBILE STRIKE FORCE WILL OPERATE IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE REGION TO DESTROY MAIN FORCE UNITS, PREVENT INFILTRATION FROM CAMBODIA AND KEEP ROUTE 1 OPEN. TERRITORIAL FORCES WILL CONCENTRATE ON LOCAL VC FORCES, VC INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE REDUCTION OF VC CONTROL OF AREAS AND HAMLETS.

5. (S) IN MR 4, THE CORPS COMMANDER PLANS TO CONTINUE CONCENTRATING ON HIGHLY MOBILE OPERATIONS TO DESTROY MAIN FORCE UNITS WHILE INTERDICTING THE INFILTRATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND SUPPLIES AND DENYING THE ENEMY FROM EXPANDING CONTROL OF POPULATION AREAS. TWO DIVISIONS WILL CONDUCT MOBILE OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AREAS OF THE MR, TARGETED AGAINST MAIN FORCE UNITS. THE THIRD DIVISION WILL BLOCK ENEMY INFILTRATION EAST OF THE MEKONG RIVER ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, DESTROY BASE AREAS IN CAMBODIA SOUTH OF ROUTE 1 AND SUPPORT FANK OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA. CORPS FORCES WEST OF THE MEKONG RIVER WILL CONTINUE TO BLOCK THE INFILTRATION OF THE 1ST NVA DIV, DEFEAT ENEMY ELEMENTS WHICH PENETRATE AND SUPPORT FANK OPERATIONS IN THE AREA. TERRITORIAL FORCES WILL CONCENTRATE ON PACIFYING VITAL AREAS, PREVENTING ENEMY INTERDICTION OF LOC, OPERATING AGAINST GUERRILLA UNITS AND PROVIDING SECURITY TO POPULATED AREAS. THE CORPS COMMANDER WILL ABOVE ALL MAINTAIN MAXIMUM MOBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY TO

MEET ENEMY THREATS WHEREVER THEY MAY OCCUR.

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